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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The enclosed statement indicates costs of compensation and medical benefits paid under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act during the expense period of July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981, for injuries or deaths sustained after December 1, 1960, by employees under your jurisdiction. It is presented by the Employment Standards Administration in accordance with Section 8147 (b) of Title 5 United States Code, as amended on April 21, 1976 by Public Law 94-273.

Public Law 94-273 requires that an agency or instrumentality, not dependent on annual appropriations, reimburse the Employees' Compensation Fund during the first 15 days of October following the date of this statement. Agencies dependent on an annual appropriation are to include the amount billed in their annual budget estimates for the upcoming budget year, in this case, Fiscal Year 1983.

It should be noted that compensation rates in your bill statement were adjusted for two cost-of-living increases, one effective September 1980 and another effective March 1981. Also, the cost of medical care has continued to rise. These factors contribute to the rising cost of workers' compensation.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is also concerned with the rising costs of injuries and illnesses for the Federal Government as a whole. Executive Order 12196, "Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees", which went into effect



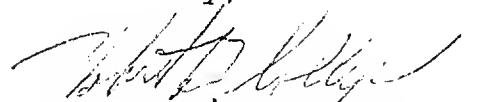
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on October 1, 1980, clearly delineates both individual Agency and the Department of Labor responsibilities for an effective and comprehensive safety and health program for all Federal employees. While the prime responsibility for Federal employee safety and health remains with the Agency, the Secretary of Labor, through OSHA, is assigned the role of providing leadership and assistance to, and the evaluation of, Federal agency safety and health programs. Statistics indicate that claims for occupational deaths and serious injuries among Federal workers are rising at an alarming rate, 14 percent during the past two years, while the Federal workforce has remained constant. OSHA, based on its evaluation of Federal agency safety and health programs, feels that a significant portion of these increases is attributable to the ineffective safety and health programs in some agencies. We are jointly urging you to take a close look at the occupational safety and health program being implemented in your Agency, particularly in light of the new Executive Order. OSHA's Office of Federal Agency Safety and Health Programs will be happy to assist you in any way it can.

With your continued concern and support, we will meet our commitments to establish an effective workers' compensation program throughout the Federal Government.

If you should have any questions concerning the bill statement, please contact Charles E. Pugh, Director of the Office of Program Development and Accountability in the Employment Standards Administration.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Collyer  
Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure